समय कितने अधिकारी, कर्मचारी और कलाकार कार्यरत हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार इस केन्द्र का विकास करने तथा इसके प्रसारण को अधिक शक्तिशाली बनाने का विचार रखती है ताकि नेपाल के सभी भागों के दर्शक भी इससे लाभान्वित हो सकें; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस केन्द्र के कार्यक्रमों को सुगठित करने के लिए कोई समुचित कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के.पी.सिंह देव): (क) 31-12-92 की स्थिति के अनुसार, पटना दूरदर्शन केन्द्र में कुल 97 कर्मचारी कार्यरत हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) पटना में पहले ही 10 कि.वा. शक्ति का एक उच्च शक्ति टी.वी. ट्रांसमीटर कार्य कर रहा है। इसकी शक्ति को और अधिक बढ़ाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। तथापि, जब कार्यान्वयनाधीन स्थायी स्टुडियो 1994 में चालू हो जाने पर दूरदर्शन केन्द्र पटना के कार्यक्रमों को और अधिक प्रभावशाली बनाया जाएगा।

New TV relay centre at Savarkundal in Bhavnagar district of Gujarat

2609. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI:

SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish a new T.V. relay centre at Savarkundala in Bhavnagar District of Gujarat in a very ohort span;

(b) if so, what is the output capa city of transmitter for covering the adjoining area of Savarkundala, and how much kilometer area will re ceive the benefit of T.V. telecasting; and

(c) by when this centre will be established and what is the number oi staff that will be appointed for the proposed relay centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

AIR. and Doordarshan Kendras to be set up in Gujarat

2610. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places where Doordarshan as w»ll as Akashwani Kendras are proposed to be set up in Gujarat during Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what [action is being taken by Government to ensure the maximum benefits of Doordarshan and Akashwani to the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Details are given in the Statement (see *below)*

(b) with the commissioning of the transmitter projects presently under implementation | envisaged to be set up, about 91 per cent of rural population of Gujarat is expected to be brought under TV coverage. As regards AIR, with the commissioning of the new radio station at Ahwa, the entire state of Gujarat including rural areas will be covered.